

REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 10, 2007, and subsequent Advisory Action dated March 17, 2008 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted in conjunction with Applicants' Response filed on February 26, 2008, as a full and complete response thereto.

In this Response, claims 7-8 and 11-12 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. Accordingly, claims 1-14 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 1, 7-8 and 11-12 are independent claims. Applicants request entry of the above amendments because the above amendments place the claims in better condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments in conjunction with Applicants' Response filed on February 26, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending rejections, and respectfully submit that claims 1, 7-8, and 11-12, and the claims that depend therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that all of claims 1-14 be allowed, and this present application be passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, Applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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